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## FIFTY OR 100 LAND BUYERS

### To Visit Pine Bluff From North and East May 28

Mr. J. O. Harrison, one of the prominent real estate men of Pine Bluff, has a letter from Mr. W. C. Dunlap, of St. Louis, secretary and treasurer of the Cotton Belt railroad land and immigration association, stating that a special train will be sent out by the association from St. Louis on May 25, and is scheduled to arrive at Pine Bluff at 5:50 p. m. on May 28, remaining over night and next day. The letter is as follows:

"St. Louis, May 5, 1903.—J. O. Harrison, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Dear Sir: On Monday evening, May 25, a special train carrying a party of northern and eastern real estate men, will leave St. Louis for a trip over the Cotton Belt, under the auspices of the Cotton Belt Route Land and Immigration association.

"We have scheduled this train to arrive at Pine Bluff at 5:50 p. m., Thursday, May 28, remaining over night and perhaps all of the following day. As nearly as we can now determine there will be between fifty and one hundred in the party, the exact number to be announced later.

"As our party will occupy sleepers at night, it will only be necessary to arrange for meals while in Pine Bluff. As this will be an event of considerable importance to your community, it is suggested that you take the matter up with your mayor, local newspapers, secretary of your Commercial

league and the leading citizens, and arrange to show the party as much attention as possible. The details of the program will be left entirely with yourselves, as I am confident that Pine Bluff will do its full share of properly entertaining its visitors.

"I would offer one suggestion, however. These men are largely interested in farm lands and will therefore want to see as much of the country as possible. I do not believe you could entertain them better than by arranging for a drive into the country to enable them to get an idea of the character of the country around Pine Bluff.

"Please advise me at once of whatever steps you take towards caring for this party and keep me posted as to the progress of your efforts. Yours truly,

W. C. DUNLAP.  
"Secretary-Treasurer."

Pine Bluff should leave nothing undone to make the finest impression possible on the people composing this party of land buyers. It would mean much to get fifty or one hundred persons desirous to purchase Jefferson county land. It would not only mean a market for real estate, but it would result in the production of a variety of crops, which has become a necessity in this county that should be given every attention. The Graphic is willing to aid in the movement in every way possible.

## Pine Bluff May Secure

### Another Large Oil Mill

A. H. D. Perkins and A. G. Perkins, of Memphis, and both in the oil mill business, were in the city yesterday looking over the city with a view to the erection of an oil mill in Pine Bluff. They consider Pine Bluff a good point, as hundreds of thousands

of pounds of seed are marketed here each season and the shipping facilities are good. These gentlemen have returned to Memphis to consider the matter further before announcing any determination as to what they will do.

## Federal Building Site Selected

The postoffice department at Washington has selected a site for a federal building at Pine Bluff. A Washington telegram to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says:

"The Pine Bluff site is at the northeast corner of Walnut street and Second avenue. It is owned by W. N. Trulock, and he wants \$6,500 for a plot 120x154 feet."

The site at the northeast corner of Second avenue and Walnut street is owned by L. P. and F. K. Scull, and Mr. Trulock is their agent. When the

list of bids were filed and a copy of each given to the Graphic by the agent of the postoffice department who came here to look into the site matter, one of them was as follows:

"L. P. Scull and F. K. Scull, northeast corner Walnut street and Second avenue, 152 by 100 feet, \$3,000."

No information relative to a decision in the matter has been received here so far as the Graphic has been able to learn, except the telegram to the Globe-Democrat, and that seems to be considerably "bulled."

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Of a Negro Woman on the P. G. Jenkins Place.

A woman of the name of Caldonia Thomas, living on the P. G. Jenkins place, was found dead this morning at her home. Her husband's name is Abraham Thomas and they were tenants on the place. The cause of her death is unknown. Coroner R. D. McGaughy received notice today and instructed J. G. Dalton, J. P., to hold an inquest.

## Circuit Court.

The prosecution against W. H. Tidwell is on trial.

Robert Curtis, white, of Altheimer, pleaded guilty to grand larceny and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Addie Chambers was fined \$1 for contempt for failing to appear.

The grand jury reported this morning with twenty-one true bills and may adjourn Saturday.

Gannaway's Store Robbed Again.

About every three or four weeks

some fellow takes a full at Gannaway's grocery store, on South Main street. Last night the thief entered the store by boring holes in the door until he could reach his hand in and unlock the door. The rest was plain sailing. The thief seemed anxious to get into the safe and hammered the lock nearly beyond service, but after hard work and many trials the safe was opened this morning. Some hams, candy and canned goods were all that were taken.

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IN SOCIETY'S REALM  
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Quite a picnic party spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. Floyd Jarvis at Noble Lake. Those present were Mesdames G. A. Habner, C. W. Mayfield, W. W. Alexander, T. A. Ward, Harry Trulock, W. H. Bennett, A. B. Hunter, of New Madrid, Mo.; Misses Camille Hunter, New Madrid; Louine Habner, Pauline Bennett, Mildred Mayfield.

## HIGH FIRE INSURANCE

### In Pine Bluff More Largely Due to Defective Flues Than Anything Else

In an interview with Mr. Wells, the insurance man, he stated that the flue question was the great drawback to the procuring of low insurance rates in Pine Bluff. He says that Pine Bluff is now getting about the same rate a country district gets, notwithstanding the fact that Pine Bluff has one of the most up-to-date fire departments in the south. Mr. Wells says that what the city now needs is a flue inspector. The mechanics of Pine Bluff evidently are very poor at this work, as 99 per cent of the fires are caused by flues which have openings from three-quarters of an inch to four inches in the walls of the flue. He says that in one building in which he had occasion to look at the flue he found a four-inch opening. On being asked how and why this was true, he

could not explain. He says that the flue proposition in Pine Bluff is a knotty problem with him. The present fire insurance rate in Pine Bluff is seven times as much as it is in some of the northern cities on risks that would seem more hazardous than Pine Bluff risks. The present system of insuring is ludicrous. When a man wants insurance all he has to do to get it is to ask for what he wants and he gets it, but he pays like he was buying imported jewelry. As far as it is known, the agent rarely ever visits a household risk to estimate the value of furniture, but will give the insurer what he wants. What is needed in this city is for the agents to say "No" a few times, take no double value risks, and losses would be fewer.



MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH C. BRECKINRIDGE.

Promotion and retirement came almost simultaneously to Joseph C. Breckinridge. Until the other day he was inspector general of the army, with the rank of brigadier general. The retirement of General Hughes caused a vacancy in the grade of major general, to which rank General Breckinridge was promoted, his own retirement on account of having reached the age limit following soon after. He is a veteran of the Union army and a member of the famous family of Kentucky Breckinridges, some of whom were prominent in the Confederate army.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Which Led to the Imprisonment of Ulysses Altheimer for Contempt

The following questions and answers, taken from the court stenographer's report of the evidence, show what brought about the imprisonment of Ulysses S. Altheimer by Judge Grace for contempt of court:

By the court:

Q.—Is it not a fact that you are a habitue and frequenter of the gambling rooms of Pine Bluff and have been for many years?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is it not a fact that you have no regular employment, and only work at infrequent intervals?

A.—Yes, sir; I work only when I want to.

By Gen. White:

Q.—By gambling you mean that you sometimes play cards?

A.—Yes, sir. Yes, sir; I mean that I go into gambling houses like the judge or any other man.

When Altheimer was brought into

court and before being sentenced by the judge, he apologized to the court and said he had never seen Judge Grace in a gambling house and simply meant to convey by his answer that he (Altheimer) was not a constant frequenter of gambling houses, but occasionally dropped in, as many other men do.

## Purchase of Convict Supplies.

Joe C. Moore, of Little Rock, was in the city yesterday. He is the financial agent for the state penitentiary and came here to buy a large shipment of feed and provisions for the convict farm at the Cummings place. The purchase was made at the Sennett commission and provision firm, and amounted to a considerable sum.

P. B. Malone was a business visitor to Dermott yesterday.

## SOME MORE NEW LAWS

### Act Providing for Relief of Widows of Civil War Veterans---New Road Act

Gov. Davis has sent to the secretary of state five more acts of the legislature, which have become laws, leaving a total of about 100 yet in the hands of the enrolling committees, including the general appropriation bill, which he has not yet passed upon. The following are three of them which are of general interest:

To provide for the relief of certain widows and heirs of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late war between the states. (Pinnix.) It provides that in cases where an application for a pension has been approved and the soldier or sailor shall die before the indorsement or payment of the warrant, the same shall inure to the widow if there be one, then to the heirs, and if there be no heirs, then to the legal representatives of the deceased, which party shall become payee of the warrant. The county clerk shall certify to the state auditor that the beneficiary is dead, and the auditor shall transfer the warrant.

To amend act 200 of 1899, as amended by act 162 of 1901, providing that each male resident of a road district shall be subject to road duties, as under the old law, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, four days each year, provided that he may pay to the road overseer instead \$1 for each day he is lawfully warned to work, the same to be expended on the roads in such district; provided further, that each person may be permitted to work out his tax, the certificate issued therefor by the road overseer to be accepted by the tax collector in the payment of the taxes of such person, in any amount not to exceed the total amount of his road tax. Where any person resides in the corporate limits of any city or town, who is required to perform labor upon the streets, or is required to pay a corporation tax in lieu thereof,

he shall be exempt from labor on the public roads.

An act to prescribe rules and regulations whereby surety or guaranty companies may become sureties upon the official bonds of state, county and municipal officers. (Matheny.) Each company must have a duly appointed agent in the state, a certificate of his appointment being filed with the auditor of state; the company shall possess at least \$250,000 capital stock, fully paid up in cash, of which at least \$50,000 must be invested in bonds created by the laws of Arkansas or of the United States; each agent shall have a certificate of authority from the auditor, to be renewed annually upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence of capital stock and amount invested in bonds as specified; violation of these requirements shall subject the agent to a fine of not less than \$1,000; the auditor shall make annual examination of the status of the company, and may revoke authority when it appears that the company is insolvent or is conducting its business fraudulently. When all these requirements have been met, the surety company may become surety upon the bonds required to be given by any person or corporation in the course of judicial proceedings, administrators, executors, guardians, receivers, assignees trustees or other fiduciary, required to give such bond, the same to be accepted by the court or other person required to approve same as sole surety upon the bond, even though previous law or custom may have required two sureties or have required one or more of the sureties to be residents of any particular territory; all bonds required of any state, county or municipal officer shall be sufficient when executed by any authorized surety company.

## FOR HARMONY

SENATOR PROCTOR DISCUSSES

THE PROMINENCE OF MR.

CLEVELAND.

Not Doing Anything to Win the Nomination, and His Actions

Are Dignified.

A Washington special to the Commercial Appeal says: Former President Cleveland's present prominence in connection with the next national Democratic convention is attracting attention to a large degree among public men now in Washington.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, said today that Mr. Cleveland's possibilities constituted the most interesting phase of politics today. "I believe, however, continued Senator Proctor, that Mr. Cleveland is not doing anything himself to win this nomination, nor can it be possible that any of his immediate friends are seeking it far him. Mr. Cleveland's present purpose appears to bring about harmony in a badly divided party, and his attitude and actions are altogether dignified. He will probably be a great power in his party before the next nomination for the presidency is made by the Democrats."

## Successful Revival.

Dr. J. M. Hawley has returned from Lake Village, where he and Rev. O. J. Beardslee held a series of revival meetings. The doctor reports having a splendid meeting. There were several additions to the church and the old members had a good warming up.

## ABOUT JUNE 1

THE JEFFERSON FENCIBLES WILL

GO INTO CAMP AT BELL

PARK.

To Be a Preliminary Encampment to the State Encampment to

Come Later.

The Jefferson Fencibles had a harmonious meeting last evening. There was a large number present. Mr. Chas. Hearn was elected first lieutenant and Mr. C. G. Schenk was elected second lieutenant. Van Knox was promoted to second sergeant. There were four new members taken in. Ernest Harrison was elected quartermaster sergeant. Capt. M. L. Bell has decided to keep the captaincy of the Fencibles, which is a good turn of affairs, as the captain is capable. All the members are earnestly requested to be present at the next meeting, as there is to be a city encampment about the first of June at Bell park in order to give the boys a little experience before the state encampment. With the city and state encampments ahead the company ought to grow rapidly, as it will afford a great deal of fun for the boys, as well as give them practice in reviews and extended order, that part of military tactics which is beautiful.

## Meeting of Veterans.

J. Ed Murray camp of the U. C. V. will meet at the courthouse at 8 p. m. Friday, and it is desired that a full attendance be present, as much business of interest will come up relative to the New Orleans reunion.